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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th April 1857.

No. 56. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cannanore, 21st March 1857, No. 46.

SIR,

Dated 16th Instant, No. 128.

In forwarding the accompanying letter from Mr. Thomas, written at my suggestion, I beg strongly to support the recommendation.

2. When in the Moplah Talooks, I found all the Tahsildars and superior Police servants most anxious to possess these useful means of self-defence, the Tahsildars requested me to get these for them, as they were willing rather to pay for them, themselves, than not possess these effective weapons, but they cost nearly a full month's pay, and of course on these terms cannot be purchased by Peshcars and Subordinate Officers of Police, and not by Tahsildars, without great inconvenience to them.

3. I therefore beg that 25 Dean and Adam's Pistols, such as are supplied to the Malabar Police Corps, may be sanctioned for the use of those Officers. The Pistols now in the Talook (few in number) are the common old flint holster Pistols, and are simply useless in a Moplah rush.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Magistrate.

From E. G. THOMAS, Esq., Special Assistant Magistrate; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar, Calicut, dated Orombrom, 16th March 1857, No. 128.

SIR,

The Head of Police of Waloowanaad, having lately asked me to get him a Revolving Pistol, for which he was willing to pay, I have the honor to bring the circumstance to your notice before doing so, with a view of suggesting that perhaps Government might not be unwilling to supply these weapons publicly to the Talook Officers in some parts of the District.

It is well known that in more than one fanatical outbreak, the murderers have threatened and apparently sought the lives of the Heads of Police, the caution sometimes displayed by these latter Officers alone saving them, and when a man does his duty and follows up hotly and vigorously the track of such men, the risk he incurs from the hands of the desperadoes, is evident.

Extremely desirable as it is, that all such occurrences should be put down with the greatest possible rapidity, in order to prevent additions to the number of the fanatics, it would, I think, be highly desirable to do every thing possible to encourage and induce the Talook Officials to act with more promptness, and to come to close quarters with the assassins earlier than is usually done. In more than one instance they have acted in a manner that has rendered the service of the troops unnecessary, and nothing it appears to me would be more conducive to the more frequent repetition of such conduct than the well arming of them.

Three Revolving Pistols in each of the Moplah Talooks would give, I think, a decision to the bearing of the Head of Police, which might be of great use.

(Signed) E. G. THOMAS,

Special Assistant Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Magistrate

No. 57.

ORDER THEREON, No. 415; dated 7th April 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to allow Revolving Pistols to the Tahsildars and Police Officers of the Malabar District.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department

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From the Asst. Magistrate of Malabar
Dated 21st March 1857.

For Orders

If the collector thinks it
necessary to serve out ^{proceeding} process -
to the Talook of Officers - I will
not object - but it appears some
rather dangerous.

I think very objectionable. ^{Very uneasy I}
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To the Secy, }
7 April 1857 }
Copy to the Mag. of Malabar Distd 9th

Secretary
to the Government
of Madras

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